



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

The Lent Term ends today with the Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ypres this evening, following a service in St. George's Church, to re-commemorate the memorial plaque we unveiled in 2009. The memorial remembers all Old Brentwoods who have died in conflicts around the world, and representatives from the wider Old Brentwoods Community will be joining current pupils, our CCF Cadets and Chapel Choir at the service and at the Menin Gate. Old Brentwoods will be staying in Ypres for a dinner afterwards.

Earlier in the week, we were privileged to be present at the Symphonic and Choral Concert in Brentwood Cathedral. Maris Lam in the Upper Sixth Form played Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No.2 with consummate skill, flair and fluency, supported by our excellent Symphony Orchestra. As a prelude to an outstanding rendition of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' in the second-half, Maris set the scene for what can only be described as an "event" which will live long in our memories. Mood setting organ playing by resident organist, Sam Barber, enhanced solos from two eminent Old Brentwood soloists, Ben Clark and Chris Moore. What a thrilling finale to an excellent term!

Headmaster's Endeavour Award

I was delighted this week to award Faris Fahal in the First Year, with my Academic Endeavour Award. This was for his recent work in Geography. Faris decided in his own time, extra to the normal class work, to research and present to his class a detailed presentation on the Brazilian Rainforest. He showed great commitment to his learning and skill in presenting his ideas to the rest of his class. Well done Faris.

Academic Enrichment Clubs

At Junior Colloquium and JSABs this week, Sixth Form students, Rodi Donhue-Hibberd and Harry Linnell, presented their debate on 'Greeks vs Romans, who was the best?' It was hotly contested with a very engaging and lively debate, however both groups were persuaded by Harry, that the Greeks were superior. After the Easter holidays, Faris Fahal in the First Year is going to be leading Junior Colloquium and JSABs on the topic of national service and whether it should be reintroduced into the UK.

CCF Staff Changes

I would like to inform you of a number of staff changes in the CCF department over recent months. Miss R Worth (rgw@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) took over the role of OC Royal Navy Section at the start of this term. If you have a question about uniform this ought to be directed to WO1 H Foster (fosterH@brentwood.essex.sch.uk).

Captain Fleming will be standing down as OC Army from the start of next term. If you have an Army related question please contact the CCF using ccf@brentwood.essex.sch.uk which is shared by the Contingent Commander and the SSI. When contacting the CCF or its staff, it is hugely beneficial that you include the year and service of the cadet to expedite a response.

Brentwood School Learning Community

All Learning Community events are designed to give parents a flavour of the richness of our curriculum or to focus on giving parents a helping hand in successfully supporting their children through the challenges of adolescence. All events take place in the BAC Tuck Shop and begin at 6.45pm with tea and coffee unless stated otherwise.

To book any of these please follow instructions in the table below. You will also receive a letter via InTouch for each event with further details. If you have any questions regarding the content please do not hesitate to contact Ms Dina Porovic, Director of Teaching and Learning (dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)



Date	Event	Booking Details
TBC	Revision Techniques (1st - 5th) (Mrs Gorsuch)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Wed 2nd May 2018	HPQ Pupil Showcase	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Wed 16th May 2018	Human Universe Lecture 5 - Controversial Artists (Mr Cooper)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Mon 4th June 2018	Human Universe Lecture 6 - Ancient Democracy (Mr Clark)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Wed 6th June 2018	EPQ/Extended Essay Pupil Showcase	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Tue 19th June 2018	iPad Basics for parents	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Inspiring Future Leaders: 30 Years of Girls at Brentwood School

To celebrate the momentous anniversaries of 30 years of girls in the First Year and 100 years of female emancipation, Brentwood School will be hosting a festival celebrating the achievements of all women in our School community. The aim of the festival is to empower all of our pupils, girls and boys, to aspire to be the very best that they can be and to be inspired by those in our community who are making a difference in many different spheres of life.

Please find below details of scheduled events – all of which take place in the week beginning Monday 23rd April 2018 and will be open to boys and girls in the Fourth Year and above. We will give more information and open up sign up for these events in the last two weeks of this term.

Event 1: Panel presentation followed by speed-dating style discussion groups (Tuesday 24th April 2018)

Event 2: Seminar on “Communicating Effectively and Confidently” (Wednesday 25th April 2018)

Event 3: The Brentwood School Innovation and Creativity Challenge (Thursday 26th April 2018)

If you have any questions about the events, please get in contact with Ms Dina Porovic, Director of Teaching and Learning (dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk).

Lower School Revision Guide

The Revision Guide for Lower School examinations will be available to view on Google Drive in the Letters Home area from the end of School today. If there are any concerns regarding revision, please email the relevant Head of Year:

Miss Crane – First Year KLC@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Ms Belsham – Second Year MEB@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Mr Prest – Third Year SFP@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

The School Shop

The School Shop will close on Friday 23rd March at 4.30pm for the Easter holiday. It will re-open on Monday 16th April at 9.30am.

Speech Day 2018

This year, there will be a revised format for the Promenade Concert on Friday 29th June 2018 and Speech Day on Saturday 30th June 2018, as follows:

Friday 29th June

6.30pm – 10pm Promenade Concert, Courage Hall

Saturday 30th June

9.45am Arrival
10–10.45am Commemoration Service, Chapel
11.30-1pm Prize Giving, Courage Hall
7–11.30pm Sixth Form Ball, Stock Brook Manor

All First Years, Lower Sixth and Prize winners are expected to attend Prize Giving.

Confirmation in Chapel

Each year, a number of our students are prepared for Confirmation in the Church of England here in School. Confirmation marks an important moment in our Christian lives where we make a public declaration of our faith and renew the promises made at our baptism.

This year the service will be held on Sunday 24th June at 3pm and will be led by the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Revd. Roger Morris. There will be a series of preparation classes for those who wish to be confirmed and they will begin in the summer term and will take place in School and will be led by the Chaplain. As part of the Confirmation service, there is also the provision for those who have not been baptised to be baptised prior to being confirmed.

Please contact the Chaplain directly by the end of this term if you would like more details or if you would like your son or daughter to be confirmed: Revd. Dr. Adrian McConaughie: awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk.

Friends of Brentwood School Wine Tasting Evening

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 FoBS Wine Challenge which is being held on Friday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Bean Academic Centre Tuck Shop. Tickets for the evening, which will be held in conjunction with The Shenfield Wine Co, will cost £30 and are available through Eventbrite using this [link](#). You can book single tickets, or a table of eight. Last year's event proved hugely popular so don't miss out. The wine will be accompanied by a cheese platter courtesy of Abigail's Delicatessen in Ingatestone.

Ultimate Activity Camps

Ultimate Activity Camps are returning to Brentwood School in 2018 with their engaging holiday day camps and in the summer they will also be running the Adventurous and Ultimate Survival programme too. The Easter camps will be held from Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 11th April (not Bank Holidays) and the summer camps from Monday 23rd July to Friday 24th August.

Ultimate Activity Camps offer exciting activity day camps for 4-14 year olds with over 40 activities every week delivered by engaging and enthusiastic staff who will instruct and encourage children to try new activities and make new friends – and naturally have lots of fun! During the summer, they will also offer Ultimate Survival which offers fun and adventurous outdoor day camps where children aged 7 to 14 years will try exciting outdoor activities and games, and learn new skills along the way. There's even the option for a Camp Out on Thursday night. Please visit www.ultimateactivity.co.uk for details or call them on 0330 111 7077 (local rate).

Sport

Athletics

Well done to both the boys' and girls' First Year teams on their recent successes at the Lee Valley Indoor Cup. All teams made their respective finals after two rounds of competition including some exceptional individual performances. A special mention must go to Cynthia Asiegbu breaking the High Jump record with a performance of 1.45m to secure second place for the girls' team. We look forward to the forthcoming summer season!

Football

The Under 14A team faced Whitgift on Wednesday in the English Schools' FA Cup semi-final. The team had done exceptionally well to get this far in the competition in which 663 teams entered at the start of the season. Unfortunately it wasn't to be Brentwood's day with Whitgift winning 3-1. A slow start from Brentwood left them 3-0 down within 15 minutes and this proved too great a hurdle to overcome, despite a very spirited second half performance in which Brentwood created a number of chances and a well worked goal from Ethan Norris. The Under 14A team can be incredibly proud and have certainly earned the right to call themselves one of the top four teams in the country at their age group. All of the following pupils contributed at some point to this outstanding achievement; Jacob Knightbridge, Samuel Denchfield, Matthew Prince, Josh Argent, Josh Catterall, Jem Ozkoch, Harrison Clayden, William Reed, Freddie Topel, Cameron Bak, Jake Griffiths, Ethan Norris, Joel Winter, George Mandie, Theo Newton and Lewis Smith.

On Wednesday, the Senior football teams played in their traditional end-of-season fixtures against City of London and showed how far a number of teams have progressed this season.

After losing 6-0 at home to City of London earlier in the season the Fifth XI had a great opportunity to win back bragging rights. Improvements throughout the season have been evident and the boys fought hard to come away with a 2-2 draw. In the first 5 minutes, Brentwood found itself one nil down with its defence coming under consistent pressure. Brentwood School showed great character and scored 2 quick goals. As the relentless pressure built, the opposition stole the equalising goal. Special mentions to Andy Zhang (2 Goals), Brandon Mahmut and Alsharief Sharief for giving absolutely everything on the pitch. Despite succumbing to an 8-1 home defeat earlier in the season, the 4th XI dug in during the final fixture for a hard-fought draw. Falling behind from two set pieces towards the end of the half, the team left itself with a lot to do. Top goal scorer, Jack Salter, scored yet another vital goal before Ed Brown scored a goal of the season contender from the right wing. Elliot Cordery could have won it late on but 2-2 was a fair result in a competitive and entertaining game.

The Third XI started well and found itself 2-0 up and in charge. However, a couple of unfortunate mistakes let City in to level 2-2 at half-time. With the wind in their faces in the second half, Brentwood struggled to get a foot hold which was compounded by the loss of Fin Hardy, and City scored. The boys battled well to the end but couldn't pass a very physical opposition. Man of the Match, Will Walsh, scored an excellent, long range effort on his last game for the School as did Tim Cooper with Brentwood's second. The Second XI competed well for the first 20 minutes but a 10-minute implosion led to Brentwood going into the break 3-0 down. Despite a better second half display, inspired by Gabriel Gerlis and Jonny Mace, Brentwood couldn't pull any goals back and unfortunately finished their final game with a loss.

The First XI took an early lead following a well-worked set piece but another 10-minute lapse of concentration meant City of London went into the break 2-1 up. The second half saw a much-improved performance and Brentwood ended up winning 5-3 with goals coming from Lewis Arthur, Tom Takar, Charlie Bacon and Man of the Match, Joe Quick, scored an impressive brace.

Fencing

Last week, the Brentwood School Fencing Team had a very successful three days of competition at the yearly Public Schools' Fencing Championships 2018 at Crystal Palace.

Overall, the whole team performed admirably and the fencing staff felt very proud to work with this group. There were many, many encouraging results and highlights among the whole group, but special praise should go to Maddy Gale, Rosa Xu, Faith Child, Matthew Goodwin, Neo Merrell and Jack Elsworth for reaching the quarter-finals of one of their individual events.

Fantastic Bronze medals were won by Ian Ho in the Boys' Junior Sabre and Ana Belova in the Girls' Senior Sabre. On top of his quarter-final in the Boys' Mount-Haes Épée, Jack Elsworth won an amazing silver medal in his own discipline Foil. These two results and a good result on Sabre made Jack second in the Boys' Mount-Haes ranking over all three weapons. Maddy Gale proved to be in superb form and on top of her quarter-final in the Girls' Mount-Haes Épée she won the Foil and the Sabre events. A unique moment since she is the first Brentwood female fencer to win two events on the Public Schools' Fencing Championships. This also made her win the Champion at Arms trophy, which is for the highest overall ranked Mount-Haes Girl fencer over all three weapons. All the School's fencers' results combined made Brentwood School win various prestigious team trophies and resulted in a second place overall finish behind Millfield School.

Hockey

Last week, the Under 12A won in a fantastically-fought match against St Martin's in the penultimate MESSA match, 25-15. Four goals down in the third quarter, Brentwood's fighting spirit and determination saw the girls take the lead in a nail-biting final quarter. All the girls played exceptionally well with excellent shooting from Isabella Colvill, Isabelle Sawyer and Valencia Danby. The Under 12C team unfortunately lost in the last match of the season 6-12 against a strong St Martin's team.

On Monday, the last annual GTCA netball tournament was held at Brentwood School in fantastic spirit and atmosphere. With nine teams entered into the tournament, the afternoon consisted of competitive but friendly matches with plenty of exciting raffle prizes to be won. Brentwood was unfortunate not to progress through to the group stages but all girls thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and a fantastic amount of money was raised for a worthwhile charity.

On Tuesday, the Under 12B team finished the season with an excellent 38-0 win over Moulsham High School. The game was played in very good spirit versus a lovely opposition but the speed of play from Brentwood and the quality in the shooting circle made them worthy winners. Players' Player was Rhea Mehta and the opposition selected Kayla Wyatt as Player of the Match. Well done on a fantastic season.

The Under 12A team became undefeated in the MESSA league, finishing as MESSA champions after winning convincingly against Boswells, 25-3. Outstanding performances by all in a well-fought match with solid and consistent shooting and defending. Miss Simpson is immensely proud of all the girls this season for their superb performances throughout the year. The Under 13 team was victorious against Boswells winning by 23-7. Player of the Match was Emma Willy in defence who was ably-supported in the defending circle by Taaliyah Foster. The Under 14A team also played its last game of the season. The year's hard work and dedication shone through and despite not having Rosie Parrish in defence, Sadie Sumner played an outstanding game. As always the team's game flowed well and some strong interceptions in centre court by Eima Cupples and Ellie Marshall gave Brentwood a strong lead, finishing 23-11. Finally, the Under 15 netball girls beat Boswells in the MESSA league which resulted in them lifting the title. A fabulous season culminating in a wonderful display of netball. The result was 33-22 with Anneliese Gennings being named as Player of the Match.

Both the Under 14 and 16 hockey teams both competed in the Essex Cup semi-final against Saffron Walden High School. Both sets of competitive matches saw Brentwood narrowly lose out in a place in the final with the Under 14s losing 1-3 and the Under 16s 0-4. Nonetheless, a fantastic achievement to end the hockey season and well done to all who competed and represented the School.

Squash

The U13 squash team played a friendly away match against Felsted. First seed, James Sydenham, played in an all-vs-all 2 round group tournament against 3 of Felsted's team players. This resulted in 6 very close matches for each of the players involved. While on court 2, Oren Goddard, Archie Flashman, Adam Harding, Damon Pearse and Joe Ludlow-Gibbon played against 5 Felsted players in a 'sudden-death' team round robin tournament. Again, this resulted in some very close and exciting matches where over 50% had a final score line of 11-8, or even closer. The overall score read 13-12 games in favour of Brentwood, however, 179-158 in favour of Felsted when comparing individual points. All players gave maximum effort throughout the tournament and represented the School extremely well both on and off the court.

Swimming

On Tuesday, the swim team travelled to Great Baddow High School for the final MESSSA League fixture of the season. Brentwood started off strong in the individual medley, with wins from Hector Puttergill, Hannah Collett and Matthew Prince. The First Year boys and girls dominated their events with strong performances from Kaylin Van De Merwe, Libby McLauchlan, James Prince, Oliver Maltby and Jackson Booth winning their individual events. The finale of the relays saw the First and Third Year boys win both the medley and freestyle relays. Brentwood was victorious once again winning the gala on overall points. A very well done to all swimmers who participated in the gala, especially to Deia French, Evelyn Golledge and Jackson Booth who all made their débuts for the swim team.

This weekend, Jacob Stephen will be representing the ESSA East Region at the Interdivisional Championships which will be taking place at the K2 stadium in Crawley. Jacob will be competing in the butterfly and individual medley events. We would like to wish Jacob the very best of luck for this fantastic achievement.

Letters for parents are located in the Letters Home area on Google Drive for which this is the link. Please save it to your bookmarks!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bx56Kfjsy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

Wishing you all a very happy Easter break and I look forward to seeing all pupils back in School on Monday 16th April 2018.

Yours sincerely



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